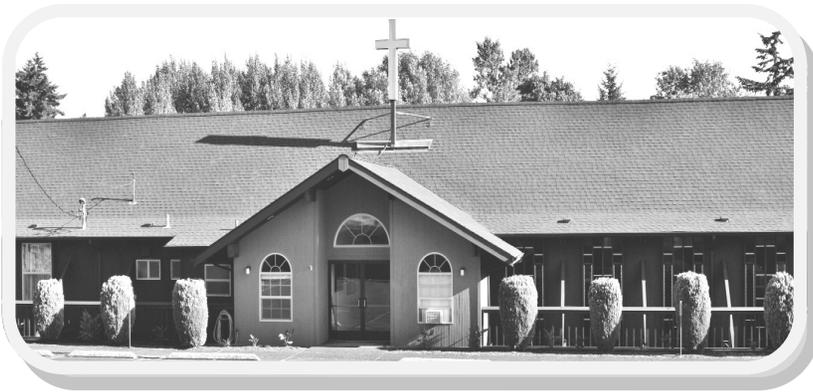




# August 2019 Newsletter

## Bethany Lutheran Church



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### Worship Time

9:30 Worship  
10:30 Coffee Hour



*O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.  
~Psalm 136:1*

As we begin this final month of our summer season, I find myself giving thanks for all of God's goodness and love. Psalm 136:1 was one of our key verses for our Vacation Bible School last month and has stuck with me. Our VBS kiddos learned that no matter what, when life is scary, when life changes, or when life is sad, God is good!

God certainly is good, and I hope you all will join me in giving thanks for God's goodness and enduring love in our lives and in our church. This summer has been a busy one filled with joy and excitement. In June we celebrated Pentecost with our Small Seeds kiddos and celebrated creation in our Celebrate Summer! lay worship service. Then in July we laughed and learned with Vacation Bible School and shared God's love by serving with Laundry Love. And now as we look towards August, we prepare for our church picnic with an outdoor worship giving thanks for the beauty of God's creation around our church building and blessing the area where our memorial garden will be. So much to be thankful for and excited about!

God is good!

~Pastor Megan

### Ministry of the Month!

Every other month Bethany Lutheran participates in the FISH of Cowlitz County food pantry program in our community. Every two months our amazing team of volunteers gathers together donations, and sets up to become a food pantry for a day for those in need.

Our volunteers provide a meal for the guests who come to get their groceries, and together, volunteers and guests commune together over their lunches.

We are so thankful to be part of this program, and we couldn't do it without our FISH team volunteers. Our next FISH dates will be in September!

Thank you for all you do!

## SUNDAY'S MINISTRIES AUGUST 2019

August 4, 2019 **Sunday Service** Pastor Megan Filer

**Communion/Emergency Fund**

Ushers: Russ Gilchrist & Kim Isakson  
Readers: Nancy Skora  
Communion Asst: Pam Van den Driessche  
Communion Setup: Dot Blair  
Coffee Hour: Gosch/Hughes  
PowerPoint: Don Wallin  
Financial Sec. Barb Wilson

August 11, 2019 **Sunday Service** Pastor Megan Filer

**Small Seeds/Communion**

Ushers: Small Seeds & Chris Engebo  
Readers: Small Seeds Helpers  
Communion Asst: Small Seeds Helpers  
Communion Setup: Carol Thompson  
Coffee Hour: Engebo/Jackson/Rogers  
PowerPoint: Rick Loewen  
Financial Sec Barb Wilson

August 18, 2019 **Sunday Service** Pastor Megan Filer

**Communion**

Ushers: Don Wallin & Bill Zimmerman  
Readers: Duane Thompson  
Communion Asst: Pat Reistroffer  
Communion Setup: Dot Blair  
Coffee Hour: Newton/Takko  
PowerPoint: Russ Gilchrist  
Financial Sec Barb Wilson

August 25, 2019 **Sunday Service** Pastor Megan Filer

**Outdoor Service/Communion/Church Picnic**

Ushers: Bob & Pat Reistroffer  
Readers: Pam Van den Driessche  
Communion Asst: Gail Obermeyer  
Communion Setup: Dot Blair  
Coffee Hour: Church Picnic  
PowerPoint: Steve Smith  
Financial Sec Barb Wilson

**\*\*Please find a substitute if you can't volunteer for that Sunday.**

# Bethany's Corner



Susan Johnson is our prayer chain contact. You can contact her with your prayer concerns at **360-261-9122** or email her at [BethanyPrayer247@gmail.com](mailto:BethanyPrayer247@gmail.com).

## Continued Prayers & Healing

Takko family	Guerra family	Gansler family
Yockey family	Oyloe family	Brian Bouche
Vincent family	Amy Thibodeua	Schroeder family
Vicky Aubol	Laura Mahnke	Carrol family
Sharon Ann	Hagedorn family	Yule family
Steve Kirpatrick	Kerry Farnham	Donna Stansberry



## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

02 Butch & Pam Alexander  
03 Glen & Beth Milhiser  
05 Gene & Debra Zandi  
08 Ivan & Betty Olson  
14 George & Gail Obermeyer

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

04 Bob Reistroffer	12 Olivia Engebo
05 Rick Loewen	13 Xander Gireth
06 Bob Baldwin	27 Eric Johnson
7 Roger Lee	29 DiAnn Foslien
10 Phyllis Cavens	

# Upcoming Events!

## Go-Bags for Hungry Kids & Youth

*An Invitation to Bethany Lutheran* – Come join us at Stella Lutheran Chapel, 124 Sherman Rd. Longview, Saturday morning, August 24<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10:30 am to pack Go-Bags for children attending Longview, Kelso and Cathlamet School Districts. Stella is hosting this event on behalf of the Lower Columbia Conference of the ELCA and in support of Bethany's Lutheran World Hunger Grant. Meanwhile, start gathering the following: Ramen noodles, non-refrigerated milk (1/2 pint), chicken noodle soup-pull-cap lid, canned tuna-pull cap lid, Cliff bars, apple sauce- pull cap lid, oatmeal packets, water and juice bottles, granola bars, small bags of chips, crackers, cookies, nuts, fruit chews, jerky, and meat sticks. Personal hygiene items requested are deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, tooth paste, tooth brushes, tampons, sanitary pads, lotion, thin towels/wash cloths, hairbrushes, washing detergent/dryer sheets. We look forward to seeing you on the 24<sup>th</sup> to pack the Go-Bags and to share in fellowship with a soup lunch afterwards, provided by the folks at Stella. Question? Call Pastor Jill Ross @ 360-270-0295.



## Highlander Festival

At beautiful Tam O'Shanter Park on Saturday, September 14th, 2019 the festivities begin! Bethany will have a booth at the festival with all kinds of excitement happening!

Sign ups for volunteering at the booth will be available soon!

## Welcome!

Welcome back to our newest members, Travis & Phillis Cavens! We are so blessed to have you as part of our church family at Bethany Longview!



**Pastor Megan will be on vacation August 26th through September 2nd. Pastor Jill Ross from Stella Lutheran will be available for emergency pastoral needs. Please call 360-270-0295.**

# Council Retreat Goals & Updates

Each year our church's council meets for several hours at the start of their term to get to know one another, to dream about what God might be up to in our church, to give thanks for the gifts that our church is experiencing, and to set goals for the next 1-5 years and create achievable next steps.

First Council spent some time thinking about what is going well in our church, and gave thanks for the gifts of our congregation in these areas:

1. We welcome and care for members, friends, and visitors
  2. Our hard-working and involved volunteers
  3. Financial health improvement and stability
  4. Growing presence and outreach in our community
- Council shared what they would like to see at Bethany in the next 5 years:
1. **More youth**—as our Small Seeds program continues to grow, Council would like to focus on welcoming and programming for our kids as they grow themselves. Pastor is already taking steps to begin a second stage of Small Seeds for children 10 and up.
  2. **Continued financial health, debt reduction, and grounds updating**—Council would like for us to continue our current stability, while reducing our mortgage and updating our building. Duct Tape is already taking next steps in looking at ways to update our portable to have a working restroom. Special thanks to Wayne Spriggle for repairing our sanctuary window!
  3. **Community knowledge of who we are, what we do, and that all really are welcome (and we mean it!)**—Council is looking for ways we can be a known presence in our community, reaching out to diverse groups and sharing Christ's love and welcome. Next steps include Kelso Highlander Festival, and continuing to look for new chances for outreach.

Please keep our church council in your prayers as we work towards these next steps and find all the ways God is working in our church and in our community, and keep an eye out for upcoming events, projects, and information as we work on these goals.

## Quarterly Visioning Meeting

Members of our church got together to discuss upcoming events and exchanged ideas on needs, expansion and growth for Bethany Lutheran Church.

- We discussed the need for volunteers for VBS as three different age groups will be taught.
  - There is also a need for volunteers to build & maintain an outdoor memorial garden space. We also checked out the two proposed locations and gave feedback.
- In continuing our discussion about security, we discussed ordering ring camera's as an affordable security option.
- We set the date for our church picnic to coincide with an outdoor service to be held on Sunday, August 25th. Members of the congregation will be asked to bring their own lawn chairs. During the service we hope to dedicate the memorial garden providing we get the volunteers needed to build & maintain it.

Our next meeting will be a potluck to be held **September 19th at 6:30**. Please join us in conversation about any topic or concern you may have.

# Summertime at Bethany

## Bethany Reads! Summer Reading List

Looking for some summer reading? Pastor Megan has some recommendations!

- “Daring Greatly” by Brene Brown
- “Who Wrote the Bible?” by Richard Elliot Friedman
- “Help, Thanks, Wow” by Anne Lamott
- “Angry Conversations with God”, by Susan E. Isaacs
- “Searching for Sunday” by Rachel Held Evans
- “Falling Upwards” by Richard Rohr
- “The Shack” by Paul Young
- “Well” by Sarah Thebarger
- “Sensible Shoes” by Sharon Garlough Brown



Look out for ways to share your summer reading in the coming weeks and join us as we read together this summer season!

## **Adult Education Returns—September 15th**

Our Adult Education will be taking a break during the summer. We'll be returning on Sept 15th with a series “All are Welcome” looking at different stories in scripture of God’s grace being shared with and by all people!

## **Mark Your Calendars! Summer Fun Ahead!**

On Sunday, August 25th, we will have an outdoor service followed by our annual church picnic. Look for more information coming soon. What we know so far...

- You will need to bring your own lawn chair.
- Providing the memorial garden is finished, we will have a dedication ceremony.
- There will be lots of food and fun.
- We should pray for good weather.



# Discipleship

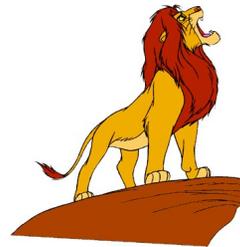
## **Small Seeds Children’s Ministry**

Small Seeds Sunday –Helping our Kids to see how Worship can be for them too! These special worship services will have the usual litany simplified, song choices familiar to our young ones (and the young at heart), a children’s message, as well as an invitation to our children to help lead through lighting the candles and ushering.



**Mark your calendar: August 14<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30am**

**\*Also note, Small Seeds for September will be Sept 7th & 8th**



## **Roar! VBS Update**

Thank you to everyone who helped to make our Roar VBS happen this year! From donating items and funds, to volunteering your time and energies, thank you so much! We welcomed 15 kiddos for an awesome week of songs, games, and lessons reminding us of God’s goodness in our lives, a day trip to the Oregon zoo celebrating God’s good creation, and an awesome VBS Worship on Sunday. When life is good...God is good!

## **Laundry Love Update**

On July 18th, volunteers from Bethany teamed up with other volunteers from Love Overwhelming at the 20th Avenue Laundromat to help those in need with a way to clean their clothes and blankets. We were busy from 6pm to until past 8pm, plugging quarters in machines, filling soap dispensers, and talking with people. It was a great way to reach out to people in our community, right where they are.

Thank you Pastor Megan, Suzanne Arnits, Kim Moran and Karen Langworthy for your willingness to serve and giving your time.

# FYI

## Family Promise of Cowlitz County

As many of you might remember, in 2017 Bethany Lutheran was approached to be a host congregation for Family Promise in our community. Family Promise is an organization that supports families experiencing homelessness to find temporary housing in churches, mosques, and synagogues. After conversations with Council at the time, our church decided that we would not be able to physically host families, but could provide support to congregations that will. We have been paired with Gloria Dei Lutheran Church!

Look for sign ups for volunteer opportunities for the weeks of September 29th, October 13th, and November 24th!

If you'd like to learn more about Family Promise, Greg Filer is our liaison and can be reached at 515-451-7705 or filergj@gmail.com

## Bethany Lutheran Church Memorial Garden

For some time, we've been planning a memorial garden. It will be in the area between the trees, near the playground fence by the lower parking lot. The planning committee is looking for suggestions and for volunteers to help maintain it. There is simply too much for our wonderful duct tape crew to do, as they are already so busy.

Thanks to a benefactor, we have the funds for the first phase. We will begin that shortly with the installation of a pergola, a bench and 2 chairs. These will need to be secured to the fencing. We will add plants and other garden items at a later date.

If you are interested in helping with this new project, please let Joyce Croy, Barb Wilson or Tori Gosch know. Thank you.

## Employment Review

Pastor's review was completed by council. She received positive comments about her performance. Will continue to work with council and the congregation on identified goals. The new goal for this year is to continue collaborative leadership with emphasis on growth and service, making space for input from all.

# Bethany Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>Sunday Service</b>  <b>Pastor Megan Filer</b>  <i>Communion/ER Fund</i>  <b>9:30 Worship Service</b>  <b>10:30 Coffee Hour</b></p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p><b>5:30 Girl Scout Leader Mtg.</b></p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>8:00 Breakfast Group</b>  <b>6:00 Cub Scouts</b></p>
<p><b>11</b></p> <p><b>Sunday Service</b>  <b>Pastor Megan Filer</b>  <i>Communion/Small Seeds</i>  <b>9:30 Worship Service</b>  <b>10:30 Coffee Hour</b></p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p><b>5:30 Girl Scouts</b></p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p><b>8:00 Breakfast Group</b>  <b>10:30 Women's Bible Study</b>  <b>6:00 Cub Scouts</b></p>
<p><b>18</b></p> <p><b>Sunday Service</b>  <b>Pastor Megan Filer</b>  <i>Communion</i>  <b>9:30 Worship Service</b>  <b>10:30 Coffee Hour</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p><b>5:30 Girl Scouts</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p><b>8:00 Breakfast Group</b>  <b>6:00 Cub Scouts</b></p>
<p><b>25</b></p> <p><b>Outdoor Sunday Service/ Church Picnic</b>  <b>Pastor Megan Filer</b>  <i>Communion</i>  <b>9:30 Worship Service</b>  <b>10:30 Church Picnic</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p><b>5:30 Girl Scouts</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p><b>8:00 Breakfast Group</b>  <b>6:00 Cub Scouts</b></p>

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# Church August 2019

	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 9:00 Duct Tape 10:00 Coffee w/ Duct Tape 5:30 Council	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
up	<b>7</b> 2:30 Walking Group	<b>8</b> 9:00 Duct Tape 10:00 Coffee w/ Duct Tape	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 1pm Small Seeds Saturday
up	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 9:00 Duct Tape 10:00 Coffee w/ Duct Tape	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
up	<b>21</b> 2:30 Walking Group	<b>22</b> 9:00 Duct Tape 10:00 Coffee w/ Duct Tape	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 10:30 Go Bags & Soup Lunch @ Stella
up	<b>28</b> 12:00 Exec Committee	<b>29</b> 9:00 Duct Tape 10:00 Coffee w/ Duct Tape	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>
on vacation August 26th - September 2nd				

## Serving with Bethany

Throughout our newsletter you can see upcoming events and opportunities for service, fellowship, worship, and more. As we continue to grow, we recognize how important it is to invite others into service with us.

We are also always looking for new ways to serve our Lord and our neighbor together, if God has put a project on your heart, fill out an event proposal!

Many of the upcoming events and opportunities you can read about are still in need of volunteers for planning, and for the day of the events! We invite you to pray about the ways God might use you to serve our Lord and serve our neighbor together!

### Upcoming Service Opportunities:

- FISH Food Pantry Distribution  
Contact Pam Van den Driessche or Marge Yockey
- Duct Tape Maintenance Volunteering (Thursdays 9am-12pm)  
Contact Rick Loewen or Dave Foslien
- Office Help Volunteering (Thursday Mornings)  
Contact Kim Moran
- Caring Ministries (Cards, Phone Calls, Visits)  
Contact Pastor Megan
- Church Council, Committees, and Finances  
Contact Pastor Megan, Tori Gosch, or Barb Wilson
- Family Promise  
Contact Greg Filer



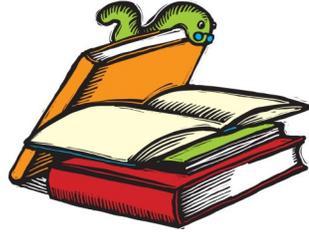
### Upcoming Youth Opportunities:

- Small Seeds & Sprouts Ministry (2nd Weekend of the Month)  
Contact Pat Reistroffer or Pastor Megan

# Serving with Bethany continued...

## **Upcoming Fellowship Opportunities:**

- Member Sunday Celebrations  
Contact Pastor Megan
- Member Connection Team  
Contact Judy Bailey



## **Upcoming Education Opportunities:**

- Women of Bethany Bible Study at 10:30 am, check your calendar for the dates. All are welcome.

Contact Kathy Newton.

- Sunday Adult Education

Contact Pastor Megan

## **Upcoming Hospitality Opportunities:**

- Fall Salad Supper  
Contact Women of Bethany



- Oktoberfest!  
Contact Barb Wilson

## **Upcoming Stewardship Opportunities:**

- Pledge Month  
Contact Barb Wilson



## **Upcoming Worship Opportunities:**

- Praise Team (Sunday mornings)  
Contact Pastor Megan
- Worship Ministries (Ushering, Reading, Coffee Hour, Communion assisting/setup, PowerPoint, etc)  
Contact Ardyth Loewen

**Do you have your own idea for an exciting ministry God is putting on your heart?** Let us know! Event proposal forms are available in the office or on the bulletin board, you chat with Pastor for more info!

# School Partnerships

## Columbia Heights Box Tops

We are collecting Box Tops with this logo during this school year. If you would put your clipped tops in the box decorated with pansies on a table in the narthex by the Faith Room, it would be appreciated. The school PTO "buys" wonderful items for the school with these items, so your participation is appreciated.

## Volunteers for Hungry Kids

We need 3-4 volunteers on **Wednesdays at 10:00 at the Family Community Resource Center** (in the back of Monticello Middle School) to sort food into bags/boxes for kids to pick up. These are unaccompanied and homeless families. Volunteers will be called on a needs basis so we have just the number needed depending on the demand. If you are willing, please send Barbara Clausen your name, email, and cell phone numbers and a volunteer will call you when needed. Bless you for hearing the call!

Barbara: [barbjclausen@comcast.net](mailto:barbjclausen@comcast.net) 206.669.2014

## ELCA World Hunger Grant Update

You may remember, Bethany has received a \$6,000 grant to promote coordination among homeless services, build awareness/advocacy for the needs for homeless children & youth, and provide opportunities to prepare supplies for children in our schools in Kelso, Longview, Castle Rock, and Cathlamet. Over the last six months we have organized and taught go-bag packing for our congregations and PTOs, hosted an awareness event, and continue to work with the organizations in our community serving hungry children and youth.

The vision of caring for our children and youth is growing! In partnership with the Child Adolescent Clinic, we have been approved for a challenge grant with the Healthcare Foundation to bring food boxes and healthcare to the over 200 unaccompanied homeless youth this summer!

If you would like more information please contact Barbara Clausen at [barbjclausen@comcast.net](mailto:barbjclausen@comcast.net) or call her at 206.669.2014.

*"God has no hands on Earth but OURS"*

# Coming in September!

## Fall Salad Supper!

The Fall Salad Supper will be held on Thursday, September 26th at 5:30pm. This year's theme is "Rocks". Carol Thompson will be our speaker with a special presentation about "Rocks". Bring your favorite salad... potato, pasta, fruit, dessert, or jello to share. We love variety! Mark your calendars for this awesome evening! More information will be coming soon.

## Confirmation Program

Look out for a new confirmation program to begin this fall! Pastor is currently working to create a flexible 2 year program for our high school students and young adults who would like to go through the confirmation process. The program will include a project workbook for each year for the students and will be a great way to involve our youth at Bethany within the constraints of their busy schedules! Chat with Pastor Megan for more information!

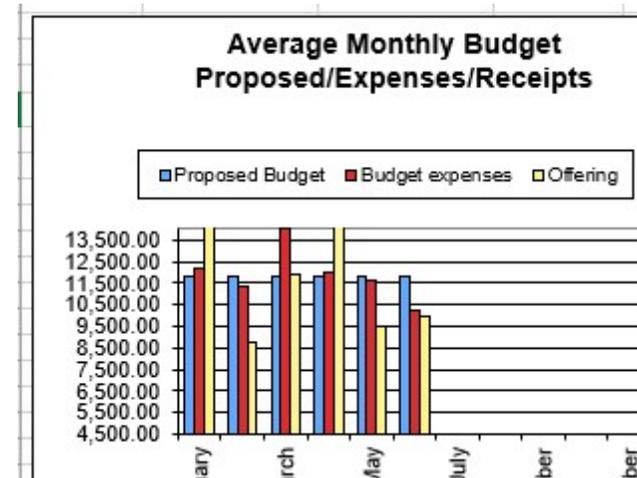
## Come to the Table – Catechesis Program

Pastor Megan is working on a biweekly evening group to discuss Martin Luther's Small Catechism, what it means to be Lutheran, and our faith today all while eating and drinking and gathering together at a local restaurant! The group will begin meeting in September, and Pastor Megan is looking for recommendations of places to meet and those who might be interested in the program! Chat with Pastor Megan for more information!

# July Council Minutes

(No Council in July)  
Exec Com. August 24th; Council August 1st 5:30;

Council did not meet in July, so there are no meeting minutes. Below is part of the treasurer's report for June.



## 2019 QUARTERLY SUMMARY

	Budget Income	Budget Expense	Difference 2019
1st Qtr	\$37,393.21	\$37,643.35	-\$250.14
2nd Qtr	\$33,551.94	\$33,865.62	-\$313.68
3rd Qtr	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
4th Qtr	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

## ATTENDANCE

July	TOTAL
7	47
14	54
21	80
28	68
Avg	62

## Offering to date (June)

2018	2019
\$67,750.18	\$70,945.15
Expenses to date (June)	
2018	2019
\$61,536.72	\$71,508.97

## Many Thanks...

**It takes a village to keep a Surprise 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration a secret. Wow what a surprise!**

We want to thank our Bethany friends for their participation in the surprise 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in our honor following the Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup> worship service. All of the cards and congratulations received from you by us are very much appreciated. God has truly blessed us in our marriage and in our life at Bethany.

Thank you again; God bless all of you.

Rick and Ardyth



### Thank you!

We received a thank you card from the Emergency Support Shelter. The card is on the "Serving Together" board in the hallway. The card reads... "Dear Bethany Lutheran Church Members, Thank you so much for your donation to the shelter! Your contribution helped support survivors of domestic violence and other crimes in our community. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Sincerely, Kelly"

The Rummage Sale Committee would like to thank everyone for the donations, for volunteering and for the efforts helping the rummage sale this year. It was a huge success!

\$2,274 was raised which is beat last years total by a long shot. A special thank you from Barb Wilson for the efforts of the team and the congregation.

We are looking forward to next year!

George and Gail Obermeyer would like to thank everyone for their cards, thoughts and prayers as they coped with the loss of his sister. Your love and kindness is greatly appreciated.

## **Meetings At Bethany!**

### Women of Bethany

Women of Bethany will be meeting four times this year! You can join us for our next meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of January, April, August, and October at 10:30am. Also, we are in need of a chairperson to lead our group. Meeting only 4 times a year would make it even easier. Please give this some thought and prayer.



### Breakfast Group

Our Breakfast Group meets on Tuesday mornings at 8:00am at the Elks at 900 Ash Street in Kelso. What a great opportunity to enjoy good food and fellowship! Free coffee if you arrive before 8:00am.



### Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study meets every Tuesday morning at 10:30 in the Faith Room.

### Walking Group



Walking group meets the first and third Wednesday of the month at 2:30pm. We meet at Bethany and get some light exercise, and sometimes a light workout. A great way to exercise and a little fellowship at the same time. Contact Pastor Megan for more info!

### Duct Tape Crew

The Duct Tape Crew meets on Thursday mornings at 9am and are the "fix it" crew at Bethany. This group of men and women repair, clean, install, mow and do many other things to keep our church beautiful and up and running. If you have ever used duct tape and like donuts, you are highly qualified. Come join us at 10am for coffee.



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**Our Mission Statement:**

**BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH IS A  
COMMUNITY SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST THROUGH  
WORSHIP, OUTREACH, AND FELLOWSHIP**

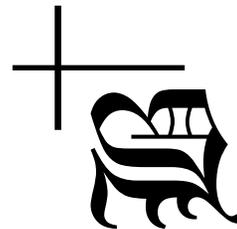
**Our Vision Statement:**

**“A dynamic Christ-centered church that  
reaches into our community and  
world in loving service”**

*Newsletter articles must be submitted before the 20th of the month prior in order to be published. There will be a reminder in the weekly announcements reminding everyone about the deadline.*

*While all efforts are made to keep original submissions, article submissions are subject to editing for accuracy, spelling, grammar and formatted to fit in the space allowed.*

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**August 2019**

**God's Blessings to . . .**